

Preparing For a Growing Church II

Acts 6:1-4 (NIV)

In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews^[a] among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. ² So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, “It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. ³ Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them ⁴ and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.”

The Great Commission requires us to make disciples of all nations and go into all the world with the Gospel.

Matthew 28:19 and Mark 16:15

Churches grow as we obey the Great Commission.

Acts 2:41 and Acts 4:4

However, growing churches experience the challenge of growing pains. (v.1)

I.

When growing pains arise, Leaders must be solutions-focused and problem solvers.

Leaders know that they need to prioritize their tasks in order to maximize the use of their time.

Leaders also know which tasks they should perform and which tasks they should delegate.

The Apostles delegated the responsibility of caring for the practical needs of the people to the Deacons, while they focused on meeting the spiritual needs. (v3)

II.

To be a Deacon means to be a servant.

Word: *diakonoj*. Pronounced: *dee-ak'-on-os*. Strong's Number: G1249

In a culture that focuses so much on being a boss, it takes great humility to be a servant.

The Deacons who were selected had other skills, abilities, and callings that they walked in, in addition to being a Deacon.

At Rhema Christian Center, Deacons serve in various ways:

1. Deacons serve in all aspects of church life
2. Deacons serve with hospital and home visitations
3. Deacons assist the elders in sacerdotal responsibilities
4. Deacons serve on our Board of Directors

III.

Selection Process for Deacons

1. Nominations from the congregation
2. Vetting Process (Tithing and generous giving; letter of recommendation from current ministry leader; Interview, skills assessment, agreement from your spouse)

*Rhema Christian Center
Pastor Tony Ransom
Saturday & Sunday, May 24 & 25, 2025
9:30 a.m.*